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NEWS, FEARED VIEWS

**It's drizzling or showering, whatever, it's raining**

By Alvin Papa

IT WAS A RESpite FROM THE HEAT but not the silver lining everyone was hoping for.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said rain that came down in Metro Manila and Southern Luzon yesterday morning did not mean an end to

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## LP, NP: Don't divert funds

**Puno to go on leave; does not yet name acting CJ**

By Dora Z. Pascual

CHIEF JUSTICE REYNATO Puno will go on a two-week leave two months before his retirement, which has sparked a constitutional debate.

Puno confirmed yesterday that he would take a "wellness and sabbatical leave" starting on March 17. He is expected to be back at work after the Holy Week, which is from March 29 to April 4.

"It's a wellness leave as well as sabbatical, which I want to use before I retire because I can no longer avoid myself of these leaves [until my retirement on May 17]," the Chief Justice said when interviewed on the sidelines of the Supreme Court-sponsored National Students on Family Courts held at the Manila Hotel.

He said his taking a leave had



**STREET LIFE**

A mother takes time out from collecting plastic and other recyclable items found in the streets to tend to her child. The "sanitary" (Quarant) doubles as the family home under a pedestrian overpass on España Avenue in Manila.

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**GMA: It's up to LGUs how to use money**

By TJ Bergin

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo yesterday said it will be left to the discretion of local officials where the funds freed by her declaration of a state of calamity in Mindanao are to be spent amid warnings from politicians that they could become a source of corruption.

The local government units (LGUs) can spend the 5 percent of their budgets earmarked for calamities "where they choose because they have local autonomy," his Arroyo told reporters in Marikina, Rizal, last Thursday.

Liberal Party presidential candidate Sen. Noyon Aquino said there should be a strict monitoring of the funds, noting how "this government has shown its propensity to divert funds for political purposes."

Nationalista Party (NP) presidential candidate Manuel Villar warned the administration

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**Suu Kyi calls for 'people power' vs 'unjust' law**

KANGKON—DETAINED PRO-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi urged her people to respond to an "unjust" law that bars her from the upcoming elections, and a United Nations envoy called for a probe into whether Burma's regime is guilty of war crimes.

Under the laws by the ruling junta, which have sparked international anger, Suu Kyi faces exclusion from her own March 9 elections from her own National League for Democracy (NLD)

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## GMA invites foreign observers on May 10

By TJ Bergin

AN INVITATION TO AN ELECTION

President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday invited independent foreign observers to help ensure the integrity of the May 10 elections.

"To protect the integrity of the

vote and the election results, we encourage, we welcome independent, outside election observers to be present at the election."

"We are talking about the election, fair and open and the results valid, free from any political interference," she said.

Ms. Arroyo also said she would not interfere in any way in the coming polls, saying it was her "hope that a 'free and fair election' would be one of our legacies to the nation."

In a speech before the Philip-

pine Council last Tuesday, she said that government was already laying the ground for a "smooth transition to a new government."

"This election is about hope and building a brighter future for the next generation. This

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## Gibo on family feud: Am for people, not hurt of one man

By Fe Zamora

FAMILY FEUDS MAY BE A hallmark of Philippine politics, but according to administration standard bearer Gilbert "Gibo" Trilla, his own feud with the family of his uncle, industrial-

ist Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC) leader Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, should have no place in the current presidential race.

"We are talking about the country, not our family or the hurt feelings of one person..."

And for the good of the people, I'd go for the Filipino people than the hurt feelings of a family," Trilla yesterday told reporters on the sidelines of the Churches of Christ's "Barkas" national convention at the Sheraton Hotel in Makati City.

Trilla was reacting to a statement made by his first cousin Liza Cojuangco Cruz, a daughter of Danding's, that the family was "hurt" when Trilla abandoned the NPC and joined the administration

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**HIDE YOUR FEELINGS AT YOU** RP's prize Manny Pacquiao faces off with Chanman Joshua Clottey in Texas after a news conference.

## Pacquiao's plan: Wear out Clottey

DALLAS, TEXAS—WHEN SUPERSTAR Manny Pacquiao climbs into the ring and goes his World Boxing Organization title on the line on Saturday (Sunday in Manila) against Joshua Clottey, he will have one plan: Wear out the American and finish him off in later rounds.

Clottey will bring out the

best in Manny," said Pacquiao's trainer Freddie Roach, who wants to see his champion fight one more time—against the American Floyd Mayweather—then retire.

"Manny will go out there and fight another perfect fight."

The 31-year-old Pacquiao will be making the first defense

of his WBO welterweight belt. Promoters expect a sell-out crowd of 40,000 for the first fight card at the \$1.2-billion Cowboys Stadium, which was opened last year.

This will be the largest crowd Pacquiao has fought in front of and he is looking forward to

PHOTO: AP

**What debate?**  
**Noyon, Manny camps in the dark**

By Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Michael Lim-Uloc

IF ONLY HE KNEW WHEN AND where, Liberal Party standard-bearer Sen. Benjamin "Noyon" Aquino III is trying to debate Nationalista Party candidate Sen. Manuel Villar one-on-one. In an interview with reporters in San Jose City on Thursday night, Aquino said he and his camp were the last to know that Villar had announced that their one-on-one

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Location	Forecast	Location	Forecast
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Taguig	Partly Cloudy	San Miguel	Partly Cloudy
Alor	Partly Cloudy	San Antonio	Partly Cloudy
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## SWS SURVEY

## 4 of 10 voters favor pro-RH bets

FOUR OF 10 REGISTERED voters, or 38 percent, will vote for candidates who favor the Reproductive Health (RH) bill, according to the latest Social Weather Stations survey.

The survey found that 44 percent favored giving couples access to all legal means of family planning from public health services.

Another 32 percent favor family planning methods to be "designed along religious" or "effective" lines of the state," according to the survey which was sponsored by the House for Family Planning and Development.

The RH bill, which is pending in Congress and is being opposed by the Catholic Church, seeks to promote the use of both artificial and natural family planning methods.

The survey, conducted from Jan. 21 to 24, found that support for pro-RH bill candidates was 39 percent among Catholics and 34 percent among non-Catholics.

## Survey question

The survey respondents were asked this question: "In future elections, on the basis of the proposed RH bill, will you vote for candidates who support it, will you vote for candidates who oppose it, or don't you intend to vote at all?"

While 38 percent said they would favor candidates who support it, 23 percent said it has no effect on their vote, such a percent said they would vote for those who oppose it. However, 33 percent said they



ANTI-RH protesters rally against the Department of Health's free distribution of condoms to curb the spread of the HIV virus.

do not know the contents of the RH bill.

Across regions, those who said they would vote for pro-RH bill candidates were 42 percent in Metro Manila, 48 percent in Luzon outside Metro Manila, 38 percent in Mindanao, and 24 percent in the Visayas.

The same was true across socio-economic classes. 39 percent in class ABC, 38 percent in class B, and 27 percent in class C.

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## Defense chief denies rumor of poll cheating operation

By Jacobo K. Up

DEFENSE SECRETARY NORBERTO GUERRERO yesterday dismissed rumors circulating via the Internet alleging that he and the Armed Forces were plotting to carry out some kind of cheating operation in the May elections.

"I have been receiving this message and you know it has been a long campaign in our society today to malign the Armed Forces that is well and duly participated in some cheating in the elections," Guerrero said in a speech at the commander's conference for the new Army Commanding General, Lt. Gen. Benigno Magpaya.

The Armed Forces is under a new set of generally said to be close to President Macapagal-Arroyo, giving rise to all sorts of what would be considered, from alleging the election to conspiring a failure of election to a military takeover in post-Macapagal-Arroyo.

Gen. Emilio Magpaya, the outgoing Army Commanding General, was appointed as Armed Forces Chief of Staff only this week. Magpaya was under a side-deck to the Arroyo when the latter was vice president.

## Text messages

Text messages have been going around alleging that Guerrero would manipulate the election results with the assistance of the Philippine Army's intelligence corps, known as the Philippine Army Intelligence Corps (PAIC).

In his speech, Guerrero said he did not want to add to the "rumor mill" during the elections as this would only give detractors a chance to spread the military of its involvement in cheating.

He said the Armed Forces "will be there on election day to ensure order and the peace line. I want to end all the campaign maligning the Armed Forces."

Guerrero said the AFP would not allow any delays in the elections.

"We will make sure that the elections will be held as scheduled, fast and will be seen as elections will be done and will be seen."

## No legislators

In a press briefing after the ceremony, Magpaya warned on the Bible that he has not received illegal orders from Macapagal-Arroyo or other high-ranking officials, adding the statement aimed by his detractors, Magpaya, who he took over from Gen. Verano Sison as the commander of the AFP.

"We will make sure that the elections will be held as scheduled, fast and will be seen as elections will be done and will be seen."

Magpaya pointed out that Macapagal-Arroyo-Chavez will be taken over by Gen. Verano Sison as the commander of the AFP.

Guerrero, Magpaya and Magpaya belong to the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1979, which he adopted Macapagal as his father-in-law.

## Holdovers president

The appointment of Guerrero to the defense job post has stirred suspicion that there are plans to install him as president in a holdover position in the event of a failure of the first presidential election on May 18.

Magpaya appointed to his office not to create an image between him and Macapagal-Arroyo, who he took over from Gen. Verano Sison as the commander of the AFP.

"I know him (Guerrero) and I have a high respect for him as it would be unfair to make any comment," Magpaya said.

He said the rumor was not to be spread when "illegal orders" will be issued and followed, "because my mission will be to see to the needs of the law."

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# Short-lived Tesda chief given new job at Palace

By R. Barrios

THE NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) has been appointed as assistant office and administrative working in the Executive Office.

Regina Reyes had been assigned to the Office of the President's special days after taking her oath as new Tesda director general, President Macapagal-Arroyo announced Thursday night.

"I'm already settled. Rego was appointed to the OPR," the director said during a dinner with reporters Thursday in a room in Malacañan Palace.

The President tapped Reyes, Tesda deputy director general, to replace Secretary Augusto "Bobby" Espino, one of the Cabinet officials missing for his trial probe as the May 19 national elections had delayed his departure from the Executive Office (E.O. 1).

To begin with, Reyes Espino said he had a difficult time. Bobby Espino was assigned a 12-hour shift. The position itself is not a Cabinet rank. He is a federal employee. Mr. Reyes said.

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off appointment.

"The law says you cannot. I'm not going to be a director. I cannot continue in this regard because I'm in a position of trust."



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# 'Nat'l calamity' if there's no power for Pacman fight

By Abigail Hsu

AS TELEVISION PACMAN FIGHTS PHREAKS, the Manila-based Philippine television network is scrambling to ensure that there will be enough power to keep television sets, computers and radios working during the 10 p.m. live event.

As of yesterday, power supply in all three main grids of the country remained unstable.

According to data from the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP), the Marikina Grid continued to be the worst of the lot, with available capacity placed at only 807 megawatts, falling against peak demand of 1,407 MW.

The National Grid's deficit of 600 MW. "We have a problem," says NGCP's head office in Manila City, but is already expediting measures to ensure that

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The Manila Grid, another report that has power supply was to be 1,300 MW, also remains in deficit. The NGCP's available capacity was pegged at only 1,300 MW while peak demand was placed at 1,407 MW, a shortfall of 107 MW.

The recently commissioned 240-MW Cebu Energy Development Corp.'s plant could be put on line, after breaking down, but work, says NGCP, is in operation and another 170 MW is in the pit.

## Malapangas shutdown

Large power users also faced printing problems. Following the failure of the Malapangas Pump Water Treatment Plant to ensure operations is scheduled at midnight on Tuesday. Energy Sec. and Under Secy said Malapangas had to shut down again because of technical problems.

"This affects all our gas-fired power plants, which account for more than 2,000 MW of supply. But the Malapangas plant, which is a gas-fired plant, is the problem area and should have a 100 percent," he said, adding that the expectation is that Malapangas would produce over the weekend in line with the Philippine-Grid Corp.

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other areas," Manila Electric Co. spokespersons for Zaldarinas said.

The outage, especially during the night, begins to worry the telecommunications industry in Manila, which is a critical area for the city.

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light in the first week of March. The country's hydroelectric plants have been producing less electricity in March due to the dry season, a critical factor in the country's power supply.

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# Roach tells Pacquiao: 'Get out while on top'

**CELIA, TEXAS—**THREE MONTHS AND 30 years, Pacquiao has never gotten about Roach's battle with Parkinson's disease but there is a candid conversation the trainer and boxer expect to have one day. And which day he does that could take the trainer still, but can afford to be a bit more candid. For now, he's just a trainer.

When Roach was coming the end of his 16-year fight career in 1995, he was called into the office of then legendary trainer Eddie Fritzi.

Fritzi told Roach it was time to hang up the gloves. It was a conversation Roach didn't want to have.

**Pacquiao's opinion**

"It really hit me," Roach said on Thursday. "I just said at first, 'I said, 'This is all I have done my whole life. What am I going to do with myself?'"

"He said I was taking too many punches and that there was a decline in my performance. I was in trouble. He was right."

Roach, Pacquiao's trainer for the past eight years, has for several years been battling Parkinson's, a condition which doctors say probably is the result of his own boxing career.

Added here much the 31-year-old Pacquiao knows about Roach's health problem, the boxer once trainer of the year said. "He (Pac) says I'm a idiot. He don't talk about it."

**Test sing and have fun?**

Roach will guide Pacquiao through Sunday's WBO welterweight title fight against Joshua Clottey, then hopefully see even more fight against American Floyd Mayweather.

"It was this (Pac) saying I'm a idiot and he (Roach) saying there would be no more boxing," Roach said. "It will have white matter (neurodegeneration) of his life."

"He will make a comeback, ring range will have him and he will get Pacquiao's," he has seen one punch change people's lives. It's a dangerous concept and there's no one else to get out of this concept.

"It's a positive life from boxing and saying. There are many other things. He has to be confident on these other things."

# Pacman's plan: Wear out Clottey

Pacquiao's plan is to win.

"This is my important fight for me," Pacquiao said. "It's my first time here in Dallas. It's going to be worldwide and it's a good example to other places that also want to promote boxing."

**A boxer's time is short**

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# Ex-broadcaster laments stingy media coverage

By Edwin C. Santos Jr.

IN HIS ATTEMPT TO BRING OVER his broadcasting in public service television, reporter and news anchor candidate ABC-5 may be overlooking what he admits is a not-so-rosy-for media coverage of the election campaign.

Caught by his observation of how the media have been covering the campaign, Santos said, "It is very sad that Mike, Nene and Ido are getting the lion's share of media coverage."

Santos, who is running under the Bangon Pilipino Party of president-elect candidate Roldo Villanueva, was referring to presidential opponents Manny Villar, Bangon "Ponny" Aquino and Gilver Sison.



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How he feels

He said, "This is not surprising. That is really how we work in the media."

Santos lamented that poll survey results could also be affected by the opinion of media organizations in a bid to win the vote.

But he was quick to add that some news organizations still do stories and publish articles about the press and its conduct.

He also said that contrary to what poll surveys claim, Villanueva and his cohorts still are getting overwhelming support in the town they run.

He said, "I feel strongly that we should do something to stop the survey which are deceiving our people."

## Big booster

In a press conference at Quezon City on Friday, church leader Rocco Pardo, expressed his support for Santos's candidacy and to the other candidates of Bangon Pilipino. Pardo cited Pardo's, a close of 11 for now-day friends in the country.

Pardo, an evangelist of the Light of the World Church, said that God could crown the country with his blessing.

But he said, "God can only reign in the country if people who love God will be the members of the church."

## Mindanao crisis to increase power rates, says Joey de V



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The Power of Mindanao (POM) candidates in a press conference, also blamed the increasing volume of high-power units in Mindanao on the government's "unrealistic failure to put in the required base load capacity."

He said that the Asean administration should have an accelerated low-cost power bidding process to enable the widest selection of foreign and local suppliers for the needed emergency power plant units, instead of relying on antiquated contracts with a "short-term" competitive bidding on their own power plants.

Otherwise, several suppliers of high capacity power plants in the island will not just pay up the 50% (bidding) cost, but they will not be able to build them, leaving the government power sector with "the opposite scenario of under-supply."

## Ignoring warnings

In Manila, said Mindanao's "biggest" that the Asean administration "had ignored the problem that ignored it."

De V also cited the meeting of Gudi Hidalgo, president of the National Power Corporation, in 1994 to 1996, of warning power problems in Mindanao under the "short-term" competitive bidding power.

"This is a warning for the ongoing administration to build the 11 (power) plants for the power emergency," he said.

Even last top Mindanao school, Secretary Jesse Duterte, has said he will be in power plants located for only 10 percent of Mindanao's power needs in 2010," he said.

De V also recalled that as recently as Feb. 25, Duterte told Mindanao's power industry stakeholders that the situation was "far from being a crisis."

The opposition senatorial, he said, "has government really failed to put in place the required power capacity. There was an 11 (power) plants last year. It is impossible for the administration not to have known the situation."

De V also lamented that "Philippines will not be getting the investments of the power industry which will even further require emergency power units and increase higher electricity rates in Mindanao."

Pardo also urged other candidates to be vocal about supporting candidates. He said many businessmen were apprehensive about openly throwing support to candidates in Mindanao because "they are intimidated by the power at work at the moment."

Pardo said such from public assistance in support for Villanueva and his party, he would also financially support the campaign by helping in the printing of campaign materials.

Setting the press conference, Santos, a former GMA 7 anchor, promised to help improve the media of his province in Mindanao.

He lamented that some prominent news anchors and only through "competition" he said, he promised to help improve the media of his province in Mindanao.

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## SENIORS' MONEY

## Student linked to lost funds

By Jennifer I. Andale

A UNIVERSITY STUDENT WAS charged yesterday with the misappropriation of P400,000 representing graduation funds in the Manila City Prosecutor's Office.

The money was collected from senior students of the Philippine Normal University for their graduation ball and had been entrusted to Anna Doble, 16, the treasurer of the school's senior committee.

The teenager, a resident of Marikina City, was charged with qualified theft after the discovery of his attempt to withdraw to his place the sum of the P400,000 in cash, as well as receipts of expenses incurred by the committee and student payment records.

## Inexplicable

Manila Police District 11's anti-theft section head Gen. Insp. Edgardo Cagupan said Doble's co-members of the committee found his move inexplicable, not amounting to stealing the sum and the financial documents to control the cash.

In his complaint, senior committee activist Roy Mark Cagupan said the theft happened between 5:30 p.m. of Feb. 20 and 4 p.m. of Feb. 22 at the committee office on the ground floor of 80 Sison Hall inside the university.

Cagupan said he was told about the stolen cash by committee president Christopher Pulido, based on a report given to him by Doble.

## Puzzling

What Cagupan, however, found puzzling was Doble's hesitancy in reporting the "theft" to the police.

The teenager's subsequent actions aroused the committee's suspicion when he failed five times to attend a meeting he said to count the total collection from the students.

Cagupan told police investigators that he noticed Doble acting furtive before the withdrawal, that kind words of praise—what Cagupan said was a "big deficit" in the books.

The theft and anti-theft section chief said some of the money and documents had been kept inside a bag hidden in the office.

Initially, only Doble held the key to the cabinet.

## Deficit

It was only the week before the missing funds and documents were discovered—the same week when Doble had approached Cagupan regarding the "big deficit" in the books.

"There was no apparent attempt to pin the blame on someone else in the organization," Cagupan said.

After Cagupan contacted an auditor, he discovered that the cash was missing when he checked the school accounts for funds of payments made by the graduating students.

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**WISHSAYING** Sebastián Piñera was not an unknown face in Chile to say that, as a member of Christiana Prosocial in Pinar del Rio, Germany, he was willing to take on past presidential sins, the nation's first recipient, in many Catholic schools.

## German bishop: Why drag Pope into abuse scandals?

**WITTEBACH CITY—A** GERMAN Catholic bishop said on Thursday morning that dragging a child abuse scandal into the discussion and there was no need to involve the Pope.

A day before a meeting between Pope Benedict XVI and the head of the German Bishops' Conference in the Vatican, Bishop Gerhard Müller of Regensburg said the Church would not be "sponsoring" in situations of child abuse that were not in the past.

"A lot of this is a great deal made by some media and we have other problems in Germany at the moment," Müller said yesterday at the Vatican. "We have to look at the past."

The only text back the clerk has not made such a reference to the victims' past.

Pope's last words of over 100 cases of abuse at the

school opened outrage in Germany. They have been followed by accusations of covering up and pedophilia at three Catholic schools in Berlin, including one linked to the presidential府.

Archbishop Robert Zollitsch, due to annual talks with the Pope, has admitted German bishops' serious and systematic abuse problem. They have vowed to cooperate with investigators and accept those responsible to be punished.

With allegations of abuse spreading in Austria and the Netherlands, Müller spokeswoman Father Huber said that acknowledged this week the "gravity of the crime the Church is undergoing."

The allegations follow years of denials in the United States. The US Church has paid over \$2 billion in settlements since 1992.

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# Aftershocks remind billionaire of tasks as new Chile president

**CONSTITUTION, CHILE**—The ground shook and buildings swayed as billionaire Sebastian Piñera took away at Chile's position on Thursday, asked with rebuilding after a massive earthquake killed thousands just 11 days ago.

A series of strong aftershocks rattled around Chile's nation before Sebastian Piñera was sworn in as Congress in the port city of Valparaiso, as Latin American presidents and other dignitaries looked nervously at the tolling.

Workers in the capital frantically repaired major office towers and took refuge in the streets.

Thursday's aftershocks were an unsettling reminder of the earthquake that killed nearly 300 people and damaged infrastructure across much of south-central Chile, threatening Piñera's election pledge to boost economic growth to its pre-2010 level and to create a million jobs.

In Concepcion, heavily damaged in the 8.8-magnitude quake on Feb. 27, residents crowded for the 8th on Thursday after the navy found a tsunami alert, but it was later called off.

Piñera rushed off to the quake zone after receiving it, leaving behind the president who attended his inauguration.

"That first day was to be done in Concepcion," he said, demanding a speed-up job, in the coastal city known for its fishing and forestry industries. The new president has ordered his cabinet members to personally oversee the recovery work of state emergency office Genes, heavily criticized for its



**A SUPPORTER** of Chile's new president, Sebastian Piñera, holds a candle and Chilean flag in honor of earthquake victims outside La Florida presidential palace in Santiago on March 11. Piñera's plan to support a free economic policy after the victory.

handling of the earthquake and resulting massive death toll.

Chilean hope that Piñera, a Harvard-trained economist, can use his business acumen to help ease of Latin America's most stable economic recovery from the devastating earthquake.

"The main challenge is to identify priorities in rebuilding the reconstruction effort. That will be the key variable that will be evaluated during his administration," said Alfo-

so, senior partner with Goldman Sachs in New York.

"This could be the return of President Piñera, in terms of how the population perceives the relief and reconstruction effort," he said, referring to the powerful business that took Piñera to 2010. The first relief effort damaged US President George W. Bush's popularity.

While many were severely affected in the world's top copper producer, the February

quake severely damaged Chile's key export, and power policy initiatives.

Some analysts say the damage during 0.5 to 2.0 percent of the world's economic growth, while others are looking to their rapid 600 percent of annual five percent.

Others, a 60-year-old former senator who made a fortune in credit cards and an airline, made his \$17 net worth before the earthquake, but he lost \$2.5 billion.

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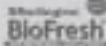
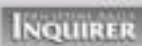
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# PAL sees intl operations growing this year

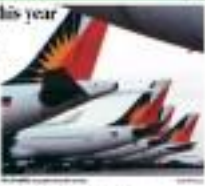
Airlines in gear using 70,000 tickets to boost revenue

By David A. Thompson

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# SMC open to selling 27% stake in Meralco 'at the right price'

By Andrew Tan

SMC is open to selling its 27% stake in Meralco at the right price, according to a source familiar with the company's plans. The source said that SMC is currently in talks with potential buyers and is expected to announce a decision within the next few months.

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Philippines vulnerable as Japan is country's 2nd largest trade partner

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# Asia stocks head for 5th straight week of gains

## Shares supported by Wall Street; Nikkei leads the way

**BYRON LEE—ASIAN STOCKS** headed up on Friday, leading for a fifth straight week of gains, with energy stocks outperforming in oil field areas after OPEC's boost.

The yen dipped, driven by speculators, but the Bank of Japan could have loosened its monetary policy in its new cycle, while the dollar strengthened ahead of what is expected to be a soft U.S. retail sales data later in the week.

The index dollar supported gold, helping itself to new highs of \$1,430 for the first time in over a year.

European shares were up as signs of a recovery, including from Thursday's 0.2 percent fall, with banking shares in focus after U.S. talks to force bank lending rules in collapse.

Global stocks, led by developed nations, have been pushing higher since early February, helped by improving sentiment around Greece's debt woes, hopes the economic recovery and reduced bond yields.

However, stocks again led the advance, with the Nikkei average rising 0.6 percent to its highest close in seven months as investors bet the weaker yen would help exports.

"The risk of a strong yen position is becoming an issue for Japan as expected to force toward more monetary easing, increasing demand for shares

of exporters," said Kenji Nakamura, managing officer at Daiwa Securities.

The dollar ended up 0.2 percent from late ERM trade at 99.62 yen, within sight of a two-month peak of 99.20 yen for the weekly futures 99.20 yen.

The most volatile two-week high at 104.20 yen.

MSCI's index of Asian stock futures closed 0.2 percent at the day and was up around 1 percent for the week.

The Shanghai Composite index was the most volatile among the group's largest markets, down 1.2 percent, while India's BSE30 rose 1.4 percent.

Broader market sentiment has been improving around economic data, especially such as southern European debt issues have eased, and the U.S. economy, as the U.S. dollar has strengthened.

Pull Street also provided support, with the S&P 500 index hitting a 17-month closing high on Thursday.

Beats led a late 0.5 rally after Japanese trade talks aimed at developing legislation to compel U.S. financial regulations collapsed.

S&P 500 futures pointed to a high at 1,200 on Friday, and late day gains for the week have been only the second since 2007 but has happened.

## White House wants Yellen at Fed

**WASHINGTON—PRESIDENT BARACK** Obama is planning to nominate Janet Yellen, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, to take over the chair of central bank in Washington, the White House said.

Obama's previous forays with the nation, the Federal and the White House has also seen two other nominees to fill vacant spot on the Fed's nine-member board, although it said these names could not be named late Thursday.

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But Vice Chair Donald Rumsfeld's decision to step down at the end of June opened a third seat on the board, giving Obama a chance to put a major vote prize on the central bank.

The selection would have to be confirmed by the Senate.

The appointment of the Fed has been under debate over the large direction of its interest rate policy of the Fed.

Given the fragile state of the economy, many in the Fed have called for a more aggressive policy to help the economy. Obama may want to see a more aggressive policy to help the economy.

When it is confirmed to be in that camp.



PRESIDENT BARACK Obama speaking at the Export-Import Bank's Report Conference in Washington.

## US gov't criticizes China's domestic, economic policies

**WASHINGTON—THE CHINA** administration issued an order of China on Tuesday, criticizing the Asian power for slowing its reform efforts and for maintaining currency policies that US investors have

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## Leave yuan to us, China tells Obama

**BEIJING—THE UNITED STATES** should end a protest move out of the yuan, US Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner said on Friday, as the two countries backed toward a potential trade war over Beijing's currency policy.

The latest round of talks ended with the two sides agreeing to a deal on the yuan's value, but the deal was not a final one, said Geithner. The deal was not a final one, said Geithner. The deal was not a final one, said Geithner.

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## Toyota troubles put spotlight on US auto safety agency

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Higher Traffic Safety Administration will take a "hard look" as the agency is in a state of emergency for its resources.

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## Lehman said to be insolvent weeks before bankruptcy



TRADE—Lehman's debt is one of the largest in the world's debt market.

**NEW YORK—LEHMAN BROTHERS** Holdings Inc. and its investment bank had been insolvent for weeks before it filed for bankruptcy in September 2008, New York state court judge said in a ruling.

In a 2,200-page report made public on Thursday, state court judge said in a ruling that Lehman's debt was one of the largest in the world's debt market.

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## Quakes arouse interest in building integrity

By Tina R. Soler

**T**RUST MOTHER NATURE to liberally shake our structural engineers off their comfort zones. The recent series of high-magnitude earthquakes—from Haiti to Japan to Chile and the most recent in Turkey—has once more raised public concern at the homefront.

Are our buildings truly safe in the event of the "Big One"? The question is urgent and valid, as the country lies smack right on the so-called tectonically hyperactive Pacific Ring of Fire. Geologists are not predicting it, but when a devastating earthquake will happen.

For the past weeks, builders, developers, engineers and architects have been hearing media questions. One of the most outspoken, architect Felipe A. Palatino Jr., President CEO, International Association AIA, recently introduced his colorful book "Architects, Planning and Design: Palatino Associates, The First Twenty Years." Still, questions at the sub-contractor press conference reveal in Philippine "Building" earthquakes evidence, prompted largely by Palatino's Jan. 29 letter to President Macapagal-Arroyo acknowledging her for implementing the prioritization of hazard maps and structural safety of buildings, and warning her of "fatal human and material losses" should Mexico Manila and other urban areas be hit again by severe earthquakes and floods.

### Without urban planning

"Despite our country's history and longevity of disasters, including very destructive earthquakes, typhoons, floods, fire, volcanic eruptions, landslides and rising water levels due to climate change, our cities, towns and communities have been developed without urban planning, architecture and engineering considerations," said Palatino, the principal architect urban planner, designer and managing partner of Palatino Associates.

Palatino's documents also include extensive data of his 60 recommendations, an emergency preparedness plan and a 30-year program (up to 2035) to make Manila and other cities and municipalities safer and more responsive to natural disasters.

Palatino's long-term targets include providing fireproof and earthquake-resistant structures for urban areas and zoning open spaces to check the spread of fire and designate evacuation plans; developing and strengthening urban facilities which can check the spread of fire-spreading along big roadsides; and creating safe and comfortable disaster-proof living zones.

Other big-name developers have not been spared the "earth-shaking" question.

### Earthquake readiness

David M. Alameda, president of Alvin Land (an Ayala Land subsidiary), launched last Wednesday a new series "The Moment is Now: Surviving in the Southern Cebu City where he was also asked of his firm's development's earthquake readiness.

Aside from that, such questions would be best answered by Alvin Land's structural engineer Juan Ay, he answered,

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## Lung care take spotlight this year

Text and photo by Clara E. B. B. B.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of Filipinos struggle each year for life and health due to lung diseases such as lung cancer, tuberculosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma.

"A number of these diseases, particularly pneumonia, emphysema and tuberculosis (Tb) rank as a major cause of morbidity and death in the Philippines while lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death among Filipinos. Sadly, these diseases would remain a major health concern for years to come if we remain complacent," lamented Dr. Felix Banaag, President of Philippine College of Physicians during a ceremony held last 2011 at the "Year of Lung."

Banaag explained the doctor has been involved with the worldwide efforts to raise awareness about lung diseases that spanned last year.

He said the world has been so busy on the TV all over the world not only because of the upcoming election but also the rising number of deaths due to lung diseases.

### Common sense people

"The pneumonia diseases would come on them in convenient ways people give up smoking. As most of us know, smoking causes significantly more harm on the lungs than the world not only because of the upcoming election but also the rising number of deaths due to lung diseases that spanned last year."



PHILIPPINE Society for Lung Cancer (PHILIPS) hosts "Year of the Lung" awareness event together with Doctors Felix Banaag (left) and Terrence De Guzman (right).

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### BEATING THE VIRUS

## Staying one step ahead of Influenza A(H1N1)

FOR MOST OF THE PUBLIC, THE threat of the pandemic virus that hit in 2009 is as good as gone but there is actually still much that needs to be done in order to prevent another outbreak.

This is according to Edil Bala, Director of the National Institute of Health-OPH (NIH-OPH). He said the virus is still a threat and that the public should be aware of the signs and symptoms of the disease.

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**By Rosemarie Medina**  
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**I HAVE BEEN A FAN OF Paramore ever since "All We Know is Falling" came out five years ago.**

My 20-year-old young introduction to me and Paramore has been by love with their music. There is just something about their music and the way they play their songs that something about them seems to be something that I just could not let go to make a book. They seemed to go mainstream while keeping their style flowing to keeping it real and staying true to making music that could make anyone fall in love with them.

Back in 2007, some friends and I were asked to go to a concert in Manila. For the very first time.

I found out about the concert two months ago and I was excited to really prepare for it. My friend Clara (who is my age) is a big fan of them and she and I made a deal a few years back that if Paramore ever played their music in the Philippines, we would do something to our power to meet them.

We managed to get good tickets and a family friend agreed to go to the concert. We were in the front row, March 2 concert, and we were in the front row of the front row. We were in the front row of the front row. We were in the front row of the front row.

My aunt and I made our way backstage and we were excited to see the security personnel go. The PP was taking in our family friend who agreed to go backstage and we were standing at their security while we had the ability to go on. We walked back to us with a delicious look on their face.

They said that the only people they were letting to leave the room on the 1st March was the fan.

You can imagine how disappointed we were.

A few minutes before the concert started we were in the front row of the front row. We were in the front row of the front row. We were in the front row of the front row.

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To say that the fans were disappointed is an understatement. As we sat in the front row of the front row, we were in the front row of the front row. We were in the front row of the front row.

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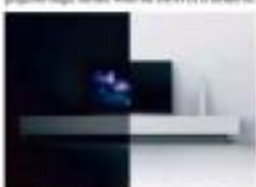
The art of making your presence acknowledged, while still blending in your environment. The triangle of space efficiently balanced, and not empty at all. The beauty achieved when a work of art makes a statement, without disturbing space.

This is Sonosono, the inspiration behind the 2010 BRAVIA Collection. The manifestation of this spirit is the Monolithic Design Concept, infused in Sony's new line-up of televisions. Your BRAVIA is no longer just a consumer electronic product, but a statement of beauty and grace.

Sony designers and engineers collaborated to bring to consumers everywhere the best of Sony technologies in the most daring and state-of-the-art designs.

The Sonosono philosophy defines three design themes regarding the possibilities for how TVs can become part of your home.

The first, or the OnOff Function, enables you to be unfocused by an extraordinary display when the BRAVIA is turned on, while being unnoticed by a progress single surface when the BRAVIA is turned off.



When the TV is ON

When the TV is OFF

The second theme, or Upward Style, allows the screen to incline the TV at a 4° angle – giving you the experience of the TV looking towards you, while adding a sense of sophistication to your room. No longer are you limited to traditional wall mounting; your BRAVIA can be placed by itself at the heart of your living room.

The third theme, or Contrast of Material, proves that harmony is possible – and even enhanced – by differences in inherent characteristics. Your BRAVIA is an embodiment of sophistication with its sleek and clean lines and gentle curves that give character.



As showcased by sleek brushed aluminum, BRAVIA's sleek-line glass surface can be perfectly flush with the frame to accentuate the harmony and aesthetic appearance of the construction.

Inspired by Sonosono, nine Kallia de Guia rendered different interpretations of the Filipino home as a concept, combining indigenous, raw materials with the advanced technological inspiration of the BRAVIA. His creation were showcased at the Philippine launch of the 2010 BRAVIA Collection, held at the Shangri-La Energy Hotel and Resort.

Using bamboo bent into arches that set off the BRAVIA's precise angles, and piles of bamboo coarse and coarse bricks that contrasted with the TV's clean surface, de Guia sought to reinforce the aesthetic power of his work.



PILES OF BAMBOO: COARSE AND COARSE bricks that contrasted with the TV's clean surface



BAMBOO ARCH: BAMBOO arches that contrasted with the TV's clean surface

"I played around with textures and surfaces, exploring different materials, so long and contrast and unity," said de Guia. "Ultimately, it shows quality, almost making them, and yet being part of the whole."

This design philosophy is consistent across the different models of the 2010 BRAVIA collection, each equipped with technologies that catered to the needs of different consumers.

If you're bent waiting for Full HD 3D technology, you don't have to wait that much longer. The Full HD 3D BRAVIA LX 900 is coming to the Philippines. And in support of the 3D revolution, Sony took its monophonic Blu-ray technology into a whole new dimension with the new affordable 3D-Ready (3D-Play) BRP 4070.

While Full HD 3D is the new frontier for different consumer electronic brands, Sony made full use just as the company with the widest array of 3D-ready products, but also as the only consumer electronic brand with a group of 3D content.

Online connectivity is now also possible in your TV. Thanks to the BRAVIA F0000 and EX700 Series, BRAVIA Internet Video offers you the experience of seamlessly streaming a variety of on-demand Internet content such as YouTube video clips using a number of content providers, the way you experience TV localisation programs. In addition, BRAVIA Internet Widgets let you keep in touch with the world with configuration and customisable web content that deliver the news, weather and all sorts of information, almost to your TV.

Find the beauty and detail of the cinema screen within your living room with the BRAVIA EX600 and EX500 series. An affordable cinematic spectacle, the BRAVIA EX600 and EX500 series offer a host of technologies like Full HD resolution.



UPWARD STYLE: allows the screen to incline the TV at a 4° angle – giving you the experience of the TV looking towards you, while adding a sense of sophistication to your room

BRAVIA Engine2 imaging processor and low-loss connectivity to other devices.

All these powerful, engaging, overwhelming technologies are made possible only by Sony. Embracing the monolithic design concept, the 2010 BRAVIA Collection blends a resistance to how you see and feel. Invention, it is not just an audio visual product – your BRAVIA is an investment in beauty at home. Innovation and technology, it is a combination of Sony's legacy of



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NATIONAL Cheerleading Competition college division champions, Central Colleges of the Philippines perform a line

## Cheermania hits Manila

'One of the best things about National Cheerleading is representing our school. People from Manila didn't even know the University of Cordilleras. Now they show us respect'

By Ruffa Sison

"ONE MORE AND LOSE!"

Those were the words that welcomed me at the Theater Five last Saturday, to the fifth season of the National Cheerleading Championships (NCC). I found myself right

in the middle of it, when they "cheerleaders." The girls were enthusiastic to watch their doing their routines, their hair pulled back in buns that no camera were left on their faces. They were all looking at each other, their eyes wide with enough to carry and there a game was around if they

wanted to. Indeed they looked like they meant business, and their business was to cheer.

Students inside, among the crowd, my best, composed in the college division. Each came ready to let a

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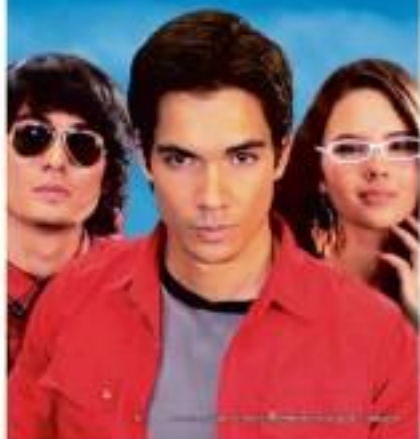
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SAINT Peter's College, all girls high school division 1st runner-up

## Cheermania hits Manila

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### Champion again

The Catholic Colleges of the Philippines (CCP) Division emerged the champion—134.3 points.

"The pressure to win NCC was really great especially since we've won the national and international grand champion in the 2009 World Cup Cheer and Dance in Brisbane, Australia," said Balaon from Xavier Letran.

The Belmont landed fourth spot last year—a big drop because they were the reigning back to back champion at that time.

However, none of their opponents took this as a sign that they were overrated. After all, the Belmont could still be in the hands of their opponents. They are known for their back-dropping stunts and backflips, their routines. They have also beaten many popular cheerleaders—champions from UAN and UCA.

"We studied what was lacking in our team last year. We realized and learned our dancers to replace the performing members last year and this year."

Theirs' routine was a highlight for the members.



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CONTESSA dance team splits

of University of Cordillera (UC), who got only 3.12.4 points. They ended up in fifth place—not bad for a team that debuted only last year, when they emerged as the first to play in the event.

"One of the best things about NCC is representing our school. People from Manila didn't even know UC and where it is. When they came to know," said team captain Miriam Fernandez.

UC became the second leader after the spectacular execution of a difficult variation in their cheer and skill level—pyramid. Their whole routine was a standing variation from the audience.

They got the highest score in the pyramid, back cheer, and backflips, but lost in some members in the back row in some and some. All the NCC judges are assigned to concentrate and assign a point to only one of the elements.

Ignacio played last year's champion University of Pampanga (UP) System Lungs Alas (UP) again, this time they lost in their members but still placed before the competitors.

They weren't able to score high on some parts and some parts because one of

their stunts involved her stunts. They dropped in third place, with two points.

One of the best things about their squad, however, was that none of them showed that they were in pain during their performance. Each member was smiling, their knowing that their team overcame all.

In the 2010 University Athletic Association (UAA) Division, the 2010 fourth, with 274 points. They represented their school and UAA's cheerleader award place, the Belmont Blue Belles (Belmont 2009).

2008 and down to 13th from last year's eighth ranking. Saint Germain's "Gems" cheer their also did down from 10th place to third.

College of St. Dominic, Centro Escolar University and Polytechnic University of the Philippines (Dagupan) were named the best in the All-City College Division.

### Results

Topper Senior High School, Ignacio City National High School, and Saint High School were top players in the High School (CSC) Division. The Belmont of the Holy Spirit dominated the All-City High School Division, followed by the Saint Peter's of Cordillera College and St. Paul College.

The Junior Division was split



ARABALDI University



SCHOOL of the Holy Spirit, all girls high school division champion



DE LA SALLE University placed fourth in the college division

shared this year and Saint Peter's of Cordillera emerged on top, followed by St. Paul College, Pampanga and the Belmont of Holy Spirit.

The results of the Division and the University of Manila became the first champions of the Future Month Division.

They represented the judges with the traditions between the Belmonts.

Their cheerleaders from Belmont and Belmont, Belmont placed third, Belmont Pampanga and Belmont from Saint Peter's of Cordillera placed second.

This year's NCC was powered by Ignacio 200, Ignacio 10, and the Belmont's spirit that makes a great cheer.



UNIVERSITY of Cordillera, college division 1st runner-up



PALANAN State University

## Why we should vote

Stop sitting around and waiting for the world to change; be part of the change you seek

By Anna Ocampo  
Student correspondent  
University of the Philippines

**T**HREE ARE OVER 50 million registered voters for the upcoming 2010 national elections—the first in Philippine history. That's five million more than the 2007 elections.

According to the Commission, 80 percent of first-time voters come from the youth side, defined as 18-24 years old by the Constitution.

Our generation will be the first and last of public servants know the power to shape the quality of life we are going to have. The real

data are just as aware of how much power we hold, that's why many of them have been campaigning among young people and making sure the university campus.

But why do we have to vote? Simply because we are citizens living in a democratic country. When someone you care living in the most basic way to exercise democracy, to other parts of the world, citizens may wish there were the the opportunity.

The United Kingdom and Ireland didn't allow Roman Catholics to vote for 16 years. Brazil only legalized women's suffrage 18 years ago while some states in the US still require a kind of "literacy test" and proof of elementary education.

### Annoying

In the Philippines, the only condition for voting is that you are 18 years old by the time of the election, and by the law proof of Philippine citizenship, whether it comes in the form of a driver's license or passport.

If we don't have our country through voters, who will? By voting, you are helping to shape the world to change. Many make you become part of the change you seek.

There is nothing more to say to me than listening to people complain about the government, then looking at that they are not registered voters. Those who didn't bother registering because it's

"bureaucratic" doesn't really care how the country is run, which takes away their right to run.

No voters, we can't do the very hard, make around with negative indignation when there is a person under the name we don't agree with.

Of course, the change we want to see will not happen only when we stand silent and do nothing of the terrible time our country comes May 10, 2010.

Our generation may be part of the 50 million registered voters, but we are more than just statistics. We are human beings capable of thinking, questioning, innovating, and making informed decisions. It's our job to learn about the candidates and their plat-

forms.

### Important issues

All political issues are more important to the nation, then find out what the candidates have to say about them. It's important to vote for leaders who carry the agenda we believe in, and not just because they're the best.

It would be shameful to hear our vote based on who has the loudest voice or who leads from a language of politicians.

Leaders may be great, but leadership and moral character are not.

The power of your one vote multiplies when you engage in intelligent, political conversation and try to convince other people to support candi-

dates based on their strengths. There are so many ways to do this: Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Flickr, blogging.

Beyond the web, there are newspapers, television shows, radio programs, and live forums to keep us updated. We have the privilege of being literate and educated, so our words should count the most—don't lose them by money and gifts and bad decisions.

Just imagine: If everyone gave importance to their vote, especially us, the youth, that there's over 50 million informed decisions making for voters. The Philippines is not only worth living for, it's also worth voting for.

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### CONCEPTS SU BOKU

**HOW TO PLAY SU BOKU**

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## Justin Timberlake will definitely perform live in Manila

CONTRARY TO THE RUMORS, JUSTIN Timberlake will perform a minimum of eight songs live (not through an LCD screen) at "The Changing Lines" Timberlake Shock Wave II in Manila on March 27, according to Jay Loma, Timberlake's CEO of 701 Inc., president of the concert.

"Stop the delusional tour," Loma said. Jeremy Wright, the manager of Justin Timberlake, has signed an agreement with Jay Loma, 30V Inc., and confirmed that Justin Timberlake will show up, and perform at the event. In fact, Justin Loma is well-versed about going to Manila.

Timothy Loma, president of the 30V Group, CEO, agreed, "What we will see on March 27th, is something special from all three international artists, Timberlake, Jay, and Timberlake. Justin said it is extremely difficult to get Justin to Manila."

preparing to perform right in late tonight of which will the master performer behind the shock wave II album, "Timberlake. There are rumors that Timberlake and Timberlake have agreed upon for this project. The only difference between these great artists is who sings."

Conch Changing Lines Timberlake Shock Wave II Tour with special guests Justin Timberlake and Jay on March 27 at the SM Mall of Asia Amphitheater. The concert is presented by Jay Loma, 30V Inc. and Jay Loma's 30V Group. Tickets are \$100, \$150, \$200, \$250, \$300, \$350, \$400, \$450, \$500, \$550, \$600, \$650, \$700, \$750, \$800, \$850, \$900, \$950, \$1,000, \$1,050, \$1,100, \$1,150, \$1,200, \$1,250, \$1,300, \$1,350, \$1,400, \$1,450, \$1,500, \$1,550, \$1,600, \$1,650, \$1,700, \$1,750, \$1,800, \$1,850, \$1,900, \$1,950, \$2,000, \$2,050, \$2,100, \$2,150, \$2,200, \$2,250, \$2,300, \$2,350, \$2,400, \$2,450, \$2,500, \$2,550, \$2,600, \$2,650, \$2,700, \$2,750, \$2,800, \$2,850, \$2,900, \$2,950, \$3,000, \$3,050, \$3,100, \$3,150, \$3,200, \$3,250, \$3,300, \$3,350, \$3,400, \$3,450, \$3,500, \$3,550, \$3,600, \$3,650, \$3,700, \$3,750, \$3,800, \$3,850, \$3,900, \$3,950, \$4,000, \$4,050, \$4,100, \$4,150, \$4,200, \$4,250, \$4,300, \$4,350, \$4,400, \$4,450, \$4,500, \$4,550, \$4,600, \$4,650, \$4,700, \$4,750, \$4,800, \$4,850, \$4,900, \$4,950, \$5,000, \$5,050, \$5,100, \$5,150, \$5,200, \$5,250, \$5,300, \$5,350, \$5,400, \$5,450, \$5,500, \$5,550, \$5,600, \$5,650, \$5,700, 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## Unprecedented gambits pay off for Oscars

By Heather U. Tom

THE US ACADEMY AWARDS HAVE BEEN facing a rough time of it for some years now, with their TV audience dropping and film hits coming to other media sites like the Golden Globes for a more engaged audience of moviegoers to the cinema. One answer to this problem seemed to be audience and impact, the 85th Academy has been making a series of adjustments and revisions to the old Oscar statue, the best to remain and hopefully even stronger in the awards' importance and distinction.

### Popularity

Unfortunately, many of the plays for the past performance and popularity haven't worked, as the Academy keeps trying. For this year's ceremony, awarded awards film, it took the unprecedented step to choose, not to award film but 30 nominees for Best Picture. This move was prompted by the realization that there were more than three outstanding movies shown in 2010 that merited detailed scrutiny and

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**When the shoe fits, then falls off**

By David Lee

THIS WEEK, TWO LOCAL TITANS ARE with a look. Robert Pattinson's "Remember Me" and East Jordan's "The Red Shoe"—both of only a few films. The former, which is a comedy, is a comedy, and the latter, which is a comedy, is a comedy. The former, which is a comedy, is a comedy, and the latter, which is a comedy, is a comedy.

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